

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Office of Management Authority is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete application, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Dated: January 10, 2000.

Kristen Nelson,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered Species Permits Issued

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of incidental take permits issued in 1999.

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 3, has taken the following action with regard to permit applications duly received in accordance with section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1539, *et seq.*). Each permit listed as issued was granted only after it was determined that it was applied for in good faith, that by granting the permit it will not be to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and that it was consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

TE-006295 Town of Rome, Wisconsin

On January 12, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Volume 64, No. 7, that an application was filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Town of Rome, Wisconsin, for a permit to incidentally take, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539), as amended, endangered Karner blue butterflies (*Lycaeides*

melissa samuelis) pursuant to a Habitat Conservation Plan for road reconstruction activities.

Notice is hereby given that on April 14, 1999, the Service issued a permit (TE-006295), as authorized by the provisions of the Act, to the Town of Rome subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

TE-010064 State of Wisconsin

On April 14, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Volume 64, No. 71, pp. 18440-18442, that an application was filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources, for a permit to incidentally take, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539), as amended, endangered Karner blue butterflies (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*) in the State of Wisconsin in accordance with a multi-party Statewide Habitat Conservation Plan. The Department of Natural Resources was one of 26 partners to the HCP. This single-species HCP was developed for multiple land uses and required development of an Environmental Impact Statement in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Following public input on the draft Environmental Impact Statement and permit application, the Service made a decision to issue an incidental take permit. The Record of Decision describing the Service's rationale was published in the **Federal Register**, Volume 64, No. 191, pp. 53683-53686. The Record of Decision fully describes the Service's decision making process and determination to issue an incidental take permit to the Department of Natural Resources.

Notice is hereby given that on September 27, 1999, as authorized by the provisions of the Act, the Service issued a permit (TE-010064) to the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources, and 25 Parties, subject to certain conditions set forth in the permit and Implementing Agreement for the HCP.

TE-016724 Cinergy Corporation, Gibson County, Indiana

On September 2, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Volume 64, No. 170, p. 48189-48190, that an application was filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Cinergy Corporation, Gibson County, Indiana, for a permit to incidentally take, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539), as amended, endangered Interior least terns (*Sterna antillarum*

pursuant to a Habitat Conservation Plan for operation of Cinergy's Gibson Generating Facility.

Notice is hereby given that on December 21, 1999, the Service issued a permit (TE-016724), as authorized by the provisions of the Act, to Cinergy Corporation subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Each of the above referenced permits was granted only after the Service determined that it was applied for in good faith, that granting the permit would not be to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and that the permit was consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in the Endangered Species Act, as amended.

Additional information on any of these permit actions may be requested by contacting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 612/713-5350, between the hours of 7:30 am and 4:00 pm, weekdays, or by writing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056.

Dated: January 6, 2000.

T.J. Miller,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UTU-78762]

Utah-Notice of Invitation to Participate in Coal Exploration Program; Energy West Mining Co. Rilda Canyon, Right Fork

Energy West Mining Company is inviting all qualified parties to participate in its proposed exploration of certain Federal coal deposits in the following described lands in Emery County, Utah:

T. 16 S., R. 6E., SLM, UT
Sec. 24, SE.

T. 16 S., R. 7E., SLM, UT
Sec. 19, lots 3, 4.

Containing 205.61 acres.

Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice of such election to the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, PO Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155, and to Charles Semborski, Energy West Mining Company, 15 North Main Street, Huntington, Utah 84528. Such written notice must be received within thirty